

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 14-30 have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Group I, Claims 1-13 with traverse. The Examiner has asserted that the subject matter of Claims 1-13 and Claims 14-29 are unrelated based on the Examiner's assertion that the method of Claims 14-29 requires a materially different catalyst composition "because the precursor is calcined." (Page 2 of the Restriction Requirement)

Applicants disagree and respectfully assert that the subject matter of Claims 1-13 and Claims 14-29 are related because Claims 1-10 are directed to a catalyst precursor, Claims 11-13 are directed to the catalyst resulting from the precursor and Claims 14-29 are directed to a method for converting the catalyst precursor to the catalyst. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claims 1-29 should be examined together.

In addition to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has also required an election of species with regard to the pore former. Applicants elect waxes as the species of pore former for search purposes and wish to expressly point out that Claim 1 is a generic claim reciting the genus of pore former, which links the species of waxes and polysaccharides. Under 37 CFR 1.141, a generic claim may link a reasonable number of species and Applicants believe that two is a reasonable number that would not cause undue burden in searching. For the completeness of this response, Applicants point out that Claims 1-5, 7, and 11-13 read on the elected species.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise,
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Respectfully submitted,

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